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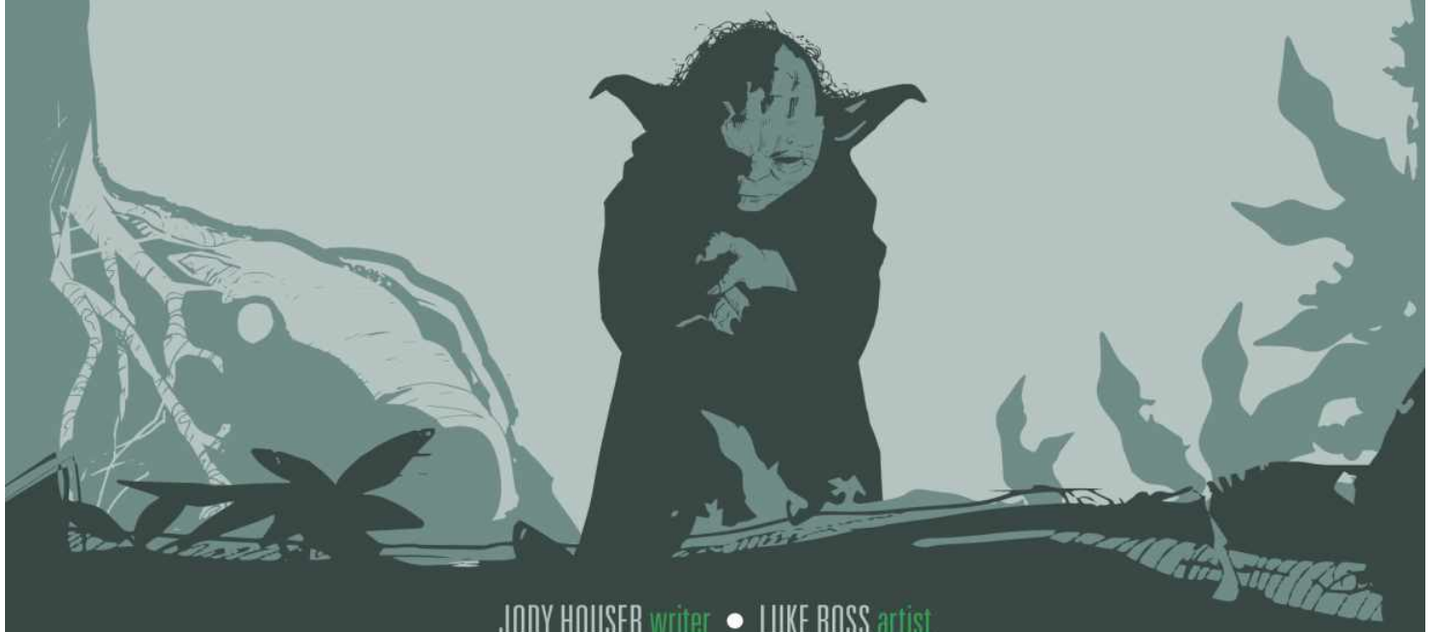
The wise Jedi Master Yoda has lived a long life in service to the greater good of the galaxy. After the rise of the Galactic Empire, he now spends his days on the secluded swamp world Dagobah, awaiting an important visitor and reflecting on his many adventures....

STAR WARS YODA

STUDENTS OF THE FORCE
PART TWO: GROWING SHADOWS

Yoda and fellow Jedi Dooku have taken on the training of a new generation of Padawans at the Jedi Temple on Coruscant. After a few sparring sessions, the students are energized and eager to continue their training.

But a dark vision haunts the young student Krrsish, threatening to unravel the peace....



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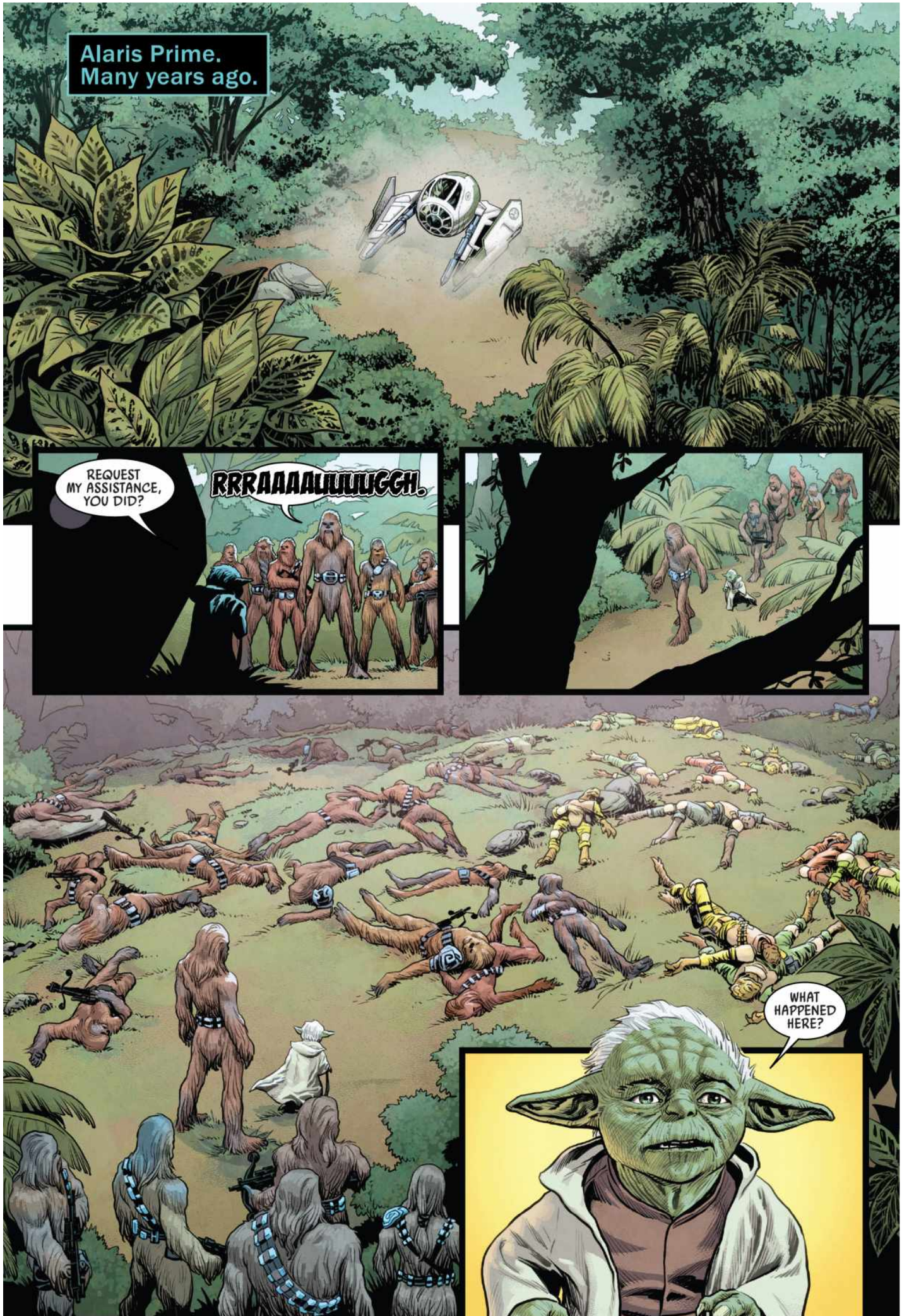

Alaris Prime.
Many years ago.
REQUEST MY ASSISTANCE, YOU DID?
RRRAAAAUUUUGGH.
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

GRRROOOUUUUUUUURR!
RRRAAAUUUUUNNNGHH!
LARGER, YOUR HUNTING PARTY WAS. STRONGER. A POOR TARGET, YES.
A MATTER OF UNFORTUNATE TIMING, THIS ENCOUNTER LIKELY--
I CAN SENSE...
WWWAAAAAAAUUUUNNNGH.

UUUUURRRRRGH.
A SURVIVOR? AND GIFTED?

OOOHOOOHOOH!
WAAAAAAAAH!
MMMMMMM.
WAAAAAAAAH!
NO NEED FOR TEARS, LITTLE ONE. SAFE, YOU ARE.
WUUUH?
STRONG IN THE FORCE, SHE IS. AND STILL YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE TAUGHT.
TAKE HER TO THE TEMPLE, I WILL.

"HER NEW HOME."
Coruscant. Twelve years later.
KSSSHHHHH
YOU'LL NEVER BESSST ME IN COMBAT, JAK'ZIN!
WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF US THE FORCE IS WITH TODAY, GHEYR!
KSSSHHHHH

KSSSHHHHH

KSSSHHHHH

FINE. I GUESS IT'S WITH YOU TODAY.

MAYBE THE FORCE WILL BE WITH *YOU* NEXT BOUT.
MAYBE.
COME *FAR*, SHE HAS, IN THE MANY YEARS SINCE SHE CAME TO THE TEMPLE.

A FINE *JEDI KNIGHT* SHE WILL MAKE SOMEDAY.

WWWRROOOOUGH.
HUH? I DON'T *ENJOY* HURTING ANYONE!

THAT WAS *UNCALLED* FOR, KRRSISH!

HRMMM.

KRRSISH. REMAIN HERE, PLEASE.
SPEAK TO YOU, I MUST.

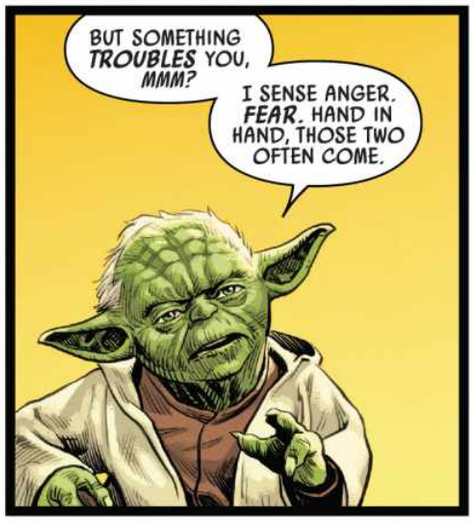
RRRRRAAAAAAAUH.

SERVES HIM RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE BECAME SUCH A JERK. BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME HE GOT IN TROUBLE FOR IT.

YOU SHOULDN'T WISH BAD THINGS ON PEOPLE. IT'S NOT WHAT A JEDI DOES.
BESIDES, I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET IN TROUBLE.

I JUST WANT HIM TO BE MY FRIEND AGAIN.

MUCH PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE, KRRSISH.
BRRRRRUUUAAAH.


BUT SOMETHING *TROUBLES* YOU, MMM?
I SENSE ANGER. *FEAR*. HAND IN HAND, THOSE TWO OFTEN COME.

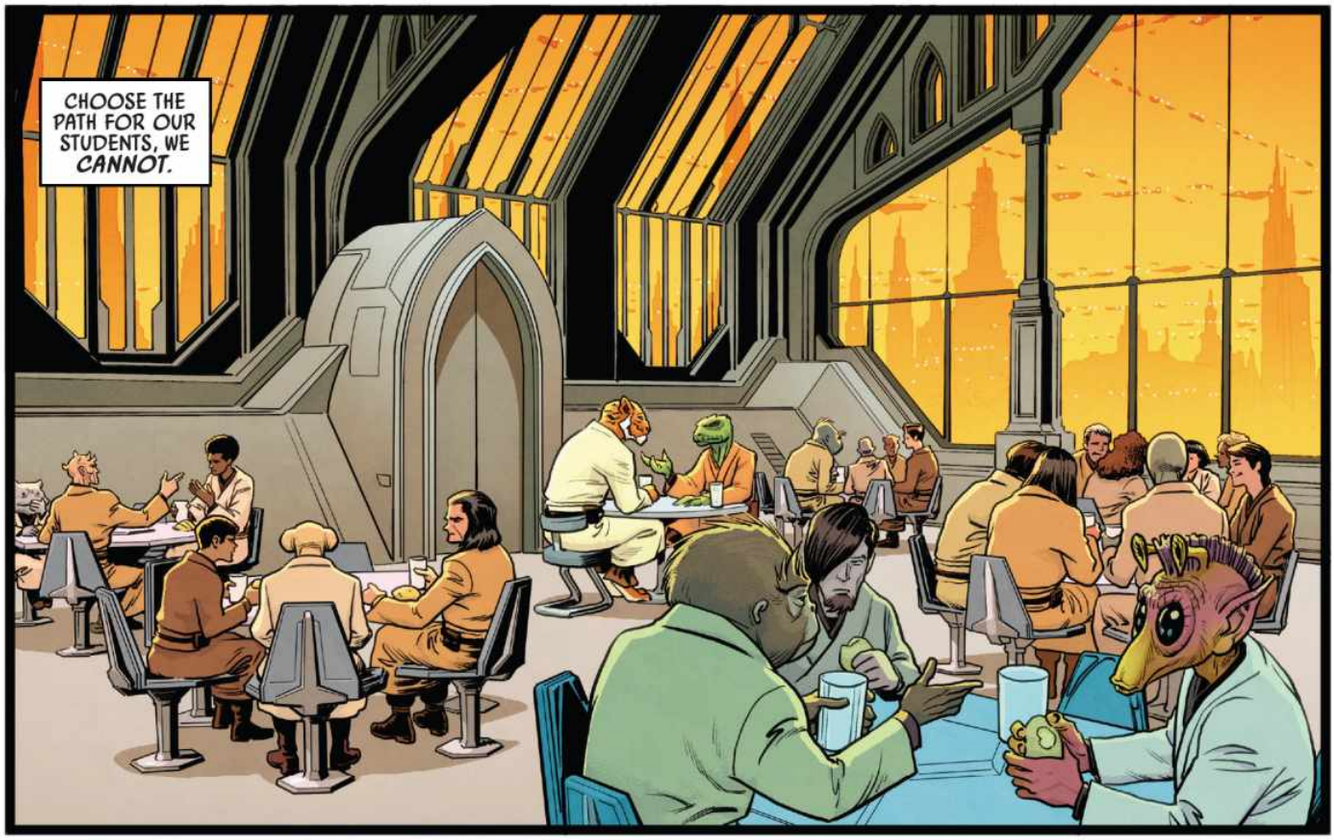
NNNAAAUUUUUURGH. REEEEAAAAANH?

MMM, ANOTHER STUDENT? PERHAPS, PERHAPS.
BUT AFRAID YOU ARE *NOW*, IF NOT *BEFORE*.

SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR FRIEND *GHEYR?*
NNNN--

--NAAAAAUUUUUURGH. BOOOOIIIIIUUUUUGH MUUUUUUUURRRGH?
REQUIRED TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL JEDI, YOU ARE NOT. BUT RESPECT THEM AND THEIR CONNECTION TO THE FORCE, YOU SHOULD.
ALLOWING FEAR, ANGER, EVEN HATE TO CLOUD YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS?
THAT IS THE

WAAAU RRAAAUUUUGH?
WHATEVER CONFLICT WOOKIEES AND TRANDOSHANS HAVE IN THE LARGER GALAXY...
...IN THIS TEMPLE, IT HAS NO PLACE.
FOUND AS A YOUNGLING, GHEYR WAS.
BY A GROUP OF WOOKIEES.
THEY ARE THE REASON YOUR TRANDOSHAN FRIEND IS HERE.
THROUGH ALL OF US, THE FORCE WORKS, OFTEN IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.
UUUUUUURRRRR...


CHOOSE THE PATH FOR OUR STUDENTS, WE *CANNOT*.

PROVIDE THEM WITH GUIDANCE? *YES*.

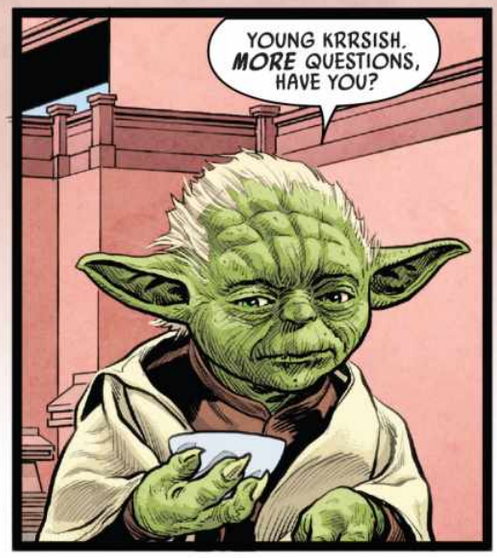
KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM, AS MUCH AS WE *OURSELVES* POSSESS SUCH THINGS.

BUT WHAT THEY *DO* WITH IT? THEIR CHOICE, IT *MUST* BE.

THEY *MUST* TAKE THOSE STEPS ON THEIR OWN.

OTHERWISE, MERE CHILDREN WILL

WAAAAAAAAAUGH!


YOUNG KRRSISH. MORE QUESTIONS, HAVE YOU?

WHHHAAAAAAAUU--
--NNAAAAAUUUGH.

MASTER DOOKU? DEPARTING CORUSCANT TODAY, HE IS.
BUT STILL HERE FOR A SHORT TIME. YES.

MAY HE HAVE THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK, YOUNG

THE SAME VISION AGAIN? VERY CURIOUS INDEED.
NOOOOOUUUWWWRRRRR?
VERY FEW THINGS IN THE GALAXY ARE CERTAIN.
BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE FORCE IS TRYING TO WARN YOU OF SOMETHING.
WHUUUUUH... RRROOOAANGH?
MASTER YODA ISN'T ONE TO TAKE ACTION ON THE BASIS OF A VAGUE VISION.
ESPECIALLY IF ONE IS ACCUSING A STUDENT YEARS BEFORE THEY MIGHT FALL TO THE DARK SIDE.
NNNWWWWWOOOHHH?!
HAVE PATIENCE, MY YOUNG FRIEND.
A WARNING SO FAR IN ADVANCE IS A GIFT FOR A JEDI.

"YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE *TIME* YOU NEED TO WATCH.
"TO GATHER EVIDENCE.
"AND TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS YOU WILL NEED IF YOU *MUST* ACT.
"PERHAPS YOUR VISIONS WILL CONTINUE.
"GRANT YOU MORE *CLARITY* ON THE MATTER.
"EITHER WAY, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.
"AND IF THE TIME

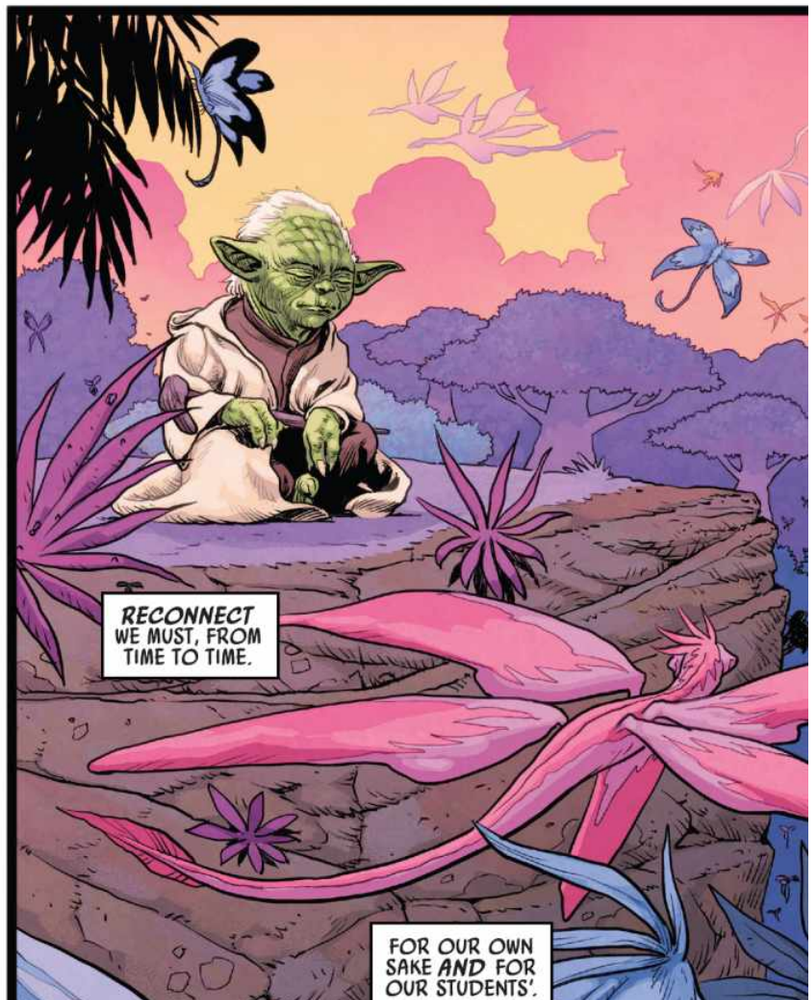
Corvair II.
TIBIDEE CLAN. AN *IMPORTANT* TRIAL, THIS WILL BE.
THE WILDERNESS HOLDS MANY DANGERS FOR THE UNWARY.
DEPEND ON THE FORCE AND YOUR FRIENDS, YOU MUST.
UM, MASTER YODA... YOU HAVEN'T SAID HOW *LONG* WE'LL BE THERE FOR.
WHY, UNTIL YOU HAVE *FINISHED*, OF COURSE.
SOMEWHERE ELSE TO *BE*, HAVE YOU?
NO, MASTER.

GOOD FOR THE INITIATES, THIS WILL BE.
SURROUNDED BY LIFE. SURROUNDED BY THE FORCE.

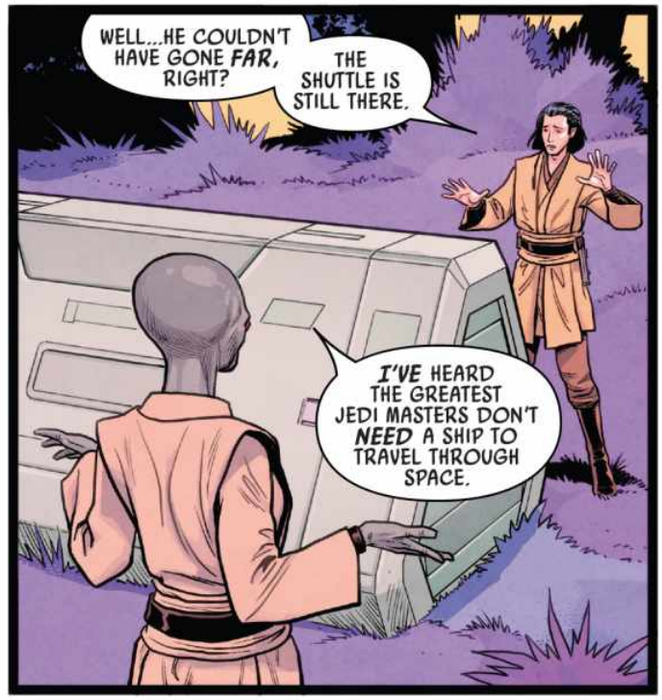
TOO EASY TO FORGET ON CORUSCANT, IT IS.

ALWAYS SO BUSY, DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY.

EVEN A JEDI MASTER NEEDS TO STOP. LISTEN.


RECONNECT WE MUST, FROM TIME TO TIME.
FOR OUR OWN SAKE AND FOR OUR STUDENTS'.

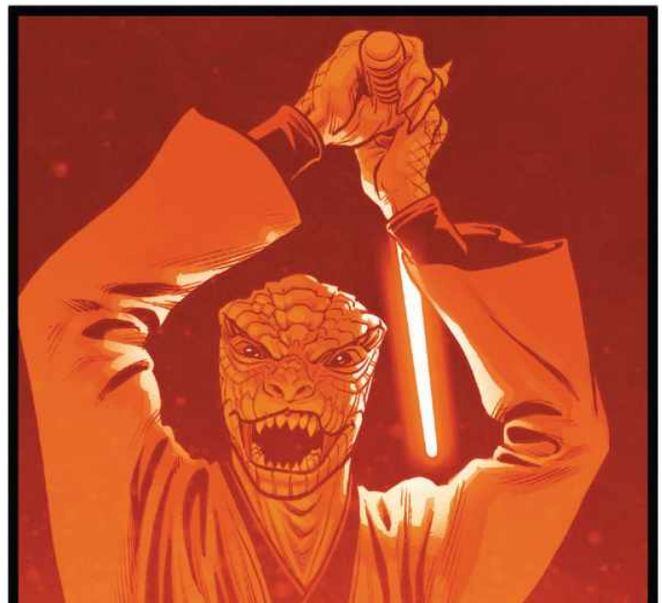
UM... WHERE DID MASTER YODA GO?
PROBABLY OFF TO DO SOME *IMPORTANT* JEDI MASTER THINGS.


WELL...HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE *FAR*, RIGHT?
THE SHUTTLE IS STILL THERE.
I'VE HEARD THE GREATEST JEDI MASTERS DON'T *NEED* A SHIP TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE.

AND WHO IS A *GREATER* JEDI MASTER THAN YODA?
HE... HE WOULDN'T JUST *LEAVE* US HERE...
...WOULD HE?

RELAX. I'M SURE HE'S STILL *SOMEWHERE* ON THE PLANET.
BUT REMEMBER, THE WHOLE *POINT* OF THIS EXCEPTION IS TO SEE HOW WE DO ON OUR *OWN.*

WITHOUT A JEDI MASTER WATCHING *EVERY* LITTLE THING WE DO.



HEY, KRRSISH. EVERYTHING OKAY?
NAAAAAUUUUURGH?
TALK ALONE? SURE.
IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU SEEM... AGITATED.
WOOOOUUUUUUUUNGH.
A VISION? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD THOSE.
WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?
RRRAAAAAAAAAAUUUUUUW.
WHAT KIND OF DANGER?

WAARRRAAAAAAAGH!
OOF!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ME"?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
VRRROOOOOOO WWHHHUUUUU!
I'M NOT A THREAT!

RRRRRRRRRR...
VRRRRR
AAAAAAGH!

NEXT

A fearful vision has infected the students at the Jedi Temple, leading to a violent confrontation that could spell doom for the would-be Jedi. Will Yoda sense the danger in time, or will he lose one of his students forever?

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